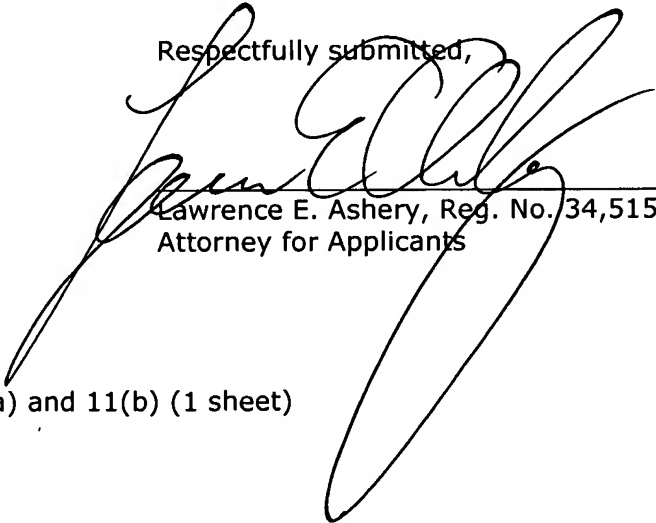


Remarks/Arguments:

The Official Action requires that Figures 11(a) and 11(b) include the legend -- PRIOR ART --. The figures have been appropriately amended. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 9-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Boyle (U.S. 6,624,795). Claims 5-8, however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, the features of claims 1 and 2 have been incorporated into claim 5 and claims 1-4 and 9-10 have been cancelled. Allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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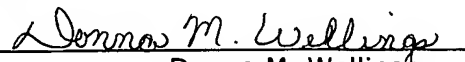
Attachment: Amended Figures 11(a) and 11(b) (1 sheet)

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 11(a) and 11(b). This sheet replaces the original sheet.